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1. The Stern Gang claims to have developed a new process for the manufacture of an exceedingly powerful explosive. It used this explosive in an operation in Jaffa about 1 March 1948 and claims that 250 kilograms of explosives did the damage of two or three tons of ordinary explosives. The Sternists' scientific achievements were away beyond anyone's expectations, and their progress in this field might enable them to stage a phase of scientific warfare, according to source.
2. When queried as to whether the Stern group had divulged any of its operational or technical secrets, source said that, although the Sternists admit to contacts with a foreign power or powers, they would only be willing to divulge their secrets in consideration of commensurate assistance. Source alleged that the Stern Group felt that the United States was not aware of Stern's potentialities, influence, and power.

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